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THE FALCON NEWS is published monthly with information from its members. All ads must be sent to the Editor by the 10th of the month, with a limit of 2 ads per member per issue. Each ad must appear in a different section of the classified ads. The FCA will not be held responsible for errors. Legitimate errors will be corrected in the next issue when requested.

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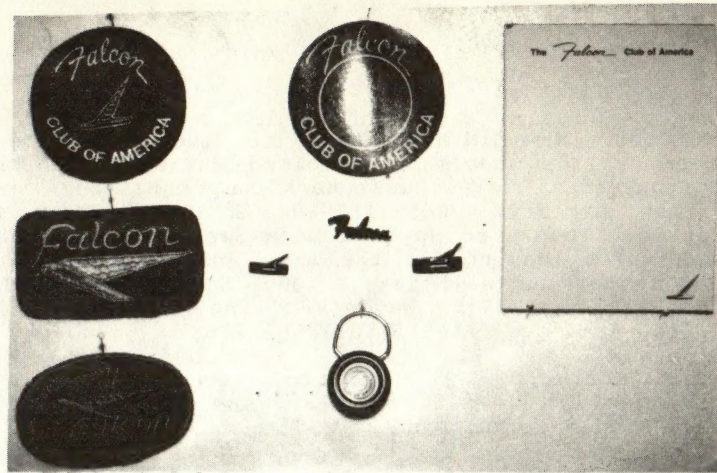
Memo Pad ("Falcon Club of America") imprint	\$.50
Decal (National Club window decal)	1.25
Patches: National Club Patch (3" round)	2.25
Ford Falcon (oval, blue & gold)	2.25
Falcon (rectangular, 2" x 4", red & gold)	2.25
Pins: Falcon Bar (red, white & blue)	2.25
Falcon Bar (smaller size, red, white & blue)	2.25
Falcon Script (silver)	2.25
License Plate (Falcon Club of America, white w/ red letters) ..	4.50
Books: 1960-1963 Reproduction shop manuals, includes V-8 ...	30.00
Falcon Book (By Ray Miller, covers all Falcons - hardcover - 320 pages)	35.00
Falcon Book (By Phil Cottrill, covers 60-63 Falcons)	16.00
Falcon Poster (24" x 36", has 28 color pictures of Falcons) ...	4.00
Falcon Fender Cover (24" x 40", with Falcon imprint)	16.50
Convention Booklets (1980, 1981, 1982, 1983)50
Tire Key Chain (center imprinted w/FCA logo)	1.25
Falcon Club of America T-Shirt (Short sleeve, white with red trim; Adult S, M, L, XL; Child S, M, L)	6.50
Hat (Red with National Club patch on front, one size for all)	6.50
Sweatshirt (gray with red FCA logo; S, M, L, XL)	12.50



All prices include postage and handling. Be sure to state correct size.

Please make checks and money orders payable to **The Falcon Club**

of America. Send all orders to: **Ellen O'Dell**
417 Valley View Drive
East Alton, IL 62024



MARCH SPECIAL: 3 Pins (Large Falcon Bar, Small Falcon Bar and Falcon Script) \$6.00

Clearance Sale: Grey V-neck sweatshirt — Reg. \$12.50, Now \$10.00 (Small only)

V-neck white T-shirt/red trim — Reg. \$8.50, Now \$7.50

Small - 2 Large - 1 X-Large - 1

V-neck tab white/blue trim shirt — Reg. \$8.50, Now \$7.50

Small - 1 Medium - 6

V-neck tab shirt white/red stripe trim — Reg. \$10.50, Now \$9.50

Small - 7 Medium - 6 Large - 6

Crew Neck T-shirt white/blue trim Reg. \$6.50, Now \$5.00

Adults Small - 2 Medium - 1 Child's Medium - 2

With \$5.00 purchase you can buy an Oval Blue/Gold Ford Falcon Patch or a Square Red/Gold Falcon Patch for just \$1.00.

★ ★ ★ SPECIAL NOTICE ★ ★ ★

The Falcon News will now accept Commercial Ads for the newsletter. They must be sent to the Editor. All ads must be received by the 10th of the month or it will appear in the next issue of the Falcon News. Payment must accompany all ads.

All ads for the classified section of the newsletter must appear with the member's name or it is considered a commercial ad and must be paid for.

ALL ADS MUST BE CAMERA READY. ADS WILL APPEAR IN THE FALCON NEWS ONLY WHERE SPACE PERMITS.

COMMERCIAL AD RATES:	FULL PAGE.....	\$50.00
(Price per month)	HALF PAGE.....	30.00
	QUARTER PAGE.....	20.00
	BUSINESS CARD.....	5.00

Only auto related ads will be accepted for the Falcon News. "WARNING" — The FCA has no way of checking each advertiser, so the FCA accepts no responsibility for any dealings with advertisers. Let us know of any experiences, good or bad. The Falcon Club has the right to reject any or all commercial ads.

CHAPTERS

The Dixieland Chapter

Fleming Horne, Jr., 7645 Memphis-Arlington Rd., Memphis, TN, 38134.

The Lone Star Chapter

Larry Wood, 500 Porter, Crowley, TX, 76036, (Meets every third Sunday. For information call [214] 361-0115.)

The Founder's Chapter

Linda Acrey, 1208 S. Center, Lonoke, AR 72086.

The Gateway Chapter

Tom O'Dell, 417 Valley View, East Alton, IL, 62024.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter

Carl MacDonald, 1765 Carmel Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80910.

Northwest Falcons Chapter

Edward Murphy, 100-137th S. E., Everett, WA, 98204.

Mid-America Chapter

James Hatcher, 8301 W. 92nd Terrace, Overland Park, KS, 66212.

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The Northeast Chapter

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The Arizona Chapter

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The Alamo Chapter

James Trevine, 6527 Timberhill, San Antonio, TX 78201

North Central Falconeers

Gary Fuerst, 1619 N. Charlotte St., Appleton, WI 54911

The Suncoast Falcon Chapter

Steve Lee, 340 High Street, Tarpon Springs, FL 33589

OTHER CLUBS OF INTEREST

The Ford Falcon Club of San Diego, P. O. Box 3306, San Diego, CA, 92103.

The Ford Falcon Club of Los Angeles, 4724 N. Palmag,

El Monte, CA, 91731.

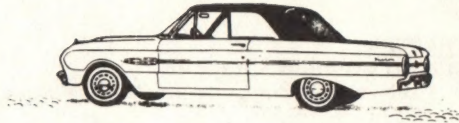
Fairlane Club of America, 212A Pilgrim Ln., Drexel Hill, PA, 19026.

The Ranchero Club, 1339 Beverly Rd., Portvue, PA, 15133.

Comet Club, 5878 Hobe Ln, White Bear Lake, MN, 55110-6466.

NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS: The club will send out notices to each member the month before membership expires. Be sure to send your renewal in early to retain your original membership number. If you do not renew your membership within 90 days after it has expired, your membership number will be placed in the inactive file and will no longer be used by the club.

**PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE**



First let me say I'm very sorry that our Editor Harold McLean had to resign due to taking on a new job. He has been a very outstanding editor for the past 2 years and I'm sure all of you will miss him as much as I will. Harold has been a help to the club and is a very big supporter of the FCA, so I think we all owe him a word of thanks for the job he has done for us.

Until the club selects a new editor, I will serve as a temporary one. So as of this date, send all materials for the newsletter to me here at my address.

If any of you have extra materials that we could use in the newsletter, I'm sure I will be needing them until we get an editor.

We have one member now who has said he would write a special article each month for the Falcon News. If any of you would like to commit to send me a tech tip, exchange-of-part idea, or anything that could be of interest to another member, each month, let me hear from you.

As most of our members know, we always select the site for our Annual Meet each year at the National meet. This year in Kansas City we would like to select the site for two years, 1986 and 1987. By doing this it would give the hosting chapter more time to plan for the meet, therefore giving our members a better meet.

If any of the Chapters have an interest in hosting a National meet, be sure to contact me for the full details on what to do.

We have another new chapter this month. It is The Southeast Chapter out of Georgia. If you are in that area and are interested in it, contact Mr. Gary Goddard, 7164 Hwy. 212 N., Covington, GA 30209.

I will close now and try to get busy on what all of you are more interested in, the Newsletter. Hope you can understand why it is late and may be a little bit smaller for awhile until we get an editor that has the knowledge and time to do you another outstanding newsletter as Harold has for the past two years. May we wish Harold the best in his travels and new job.

President, FCA

Roy E. Sword

Cars for Sale Continued

1962 Four Door. New Mid-Night Metallic Blue with white top. New 14" Western Cyclone wheels with raised white letter tires. New complete front-end. Dual exhaust back bumper has been reshaped and chromed, new battery. Rebuilt 200 6 cyl. Seats have been reupholstered. Thanks to Roy and Mark Sword I've gotten my car in good shape. I'm leaving for the Army and need to sell her. I have \$2650 in her but will take \$2200. See picture in June of '84 Newsletter on page 7. Wayde Collins, 1012 Stone Street, Jacksonville, Arkansas 72065 (501) 982-7765

1964 Falcon Sprint. V-8 automatic, needs some body work and upholstery work. 1964 Falcon ranchero, 289 stick shift, restorable \$400. Jack Ridgeway, RR1 Pinckneyville, IL 62274 (618) 357-8346.

1964 Falcon Sedan Delivery, 6 cyl., automatic, black with black interior. 1st place winner, original \$4,000. Jerry Withrow, 202 Broadway Avenue, Nitro, West Virginia 25143 (304) 755-2780 #678

1964 Falcon Sprint - 100% original, body and drive train completely and professionally rebuilt. I am 2nd owner and all restoration work is less than 10 months old. Over \$3,200 invested! Will take reasonable offer, must sell. Mike Geer, 1051 Cedar Junction City, Kansas 66441, (913) 238-3438 before February 1st 1985.

1964 Falcon Sprint Convertible. 260 Challenger V8, Floor shift, buckets and power steering. It is white with red interior. The asking price for the car is \$2,500. Car needs about \$1,200 worth of work and parts, but is very definitely worth restoring and is easily restorable. I have painted the car, recarpeted it, rebuilt the brakes and etc. Cliff Smith, 1410 E. Clinton Avenue, Dade City, Florida 33525 (904) 567-9665

NATIONAL MEET BOOKLET UPDATE

The 5th Annual National Meet Book is now printed and ready to mail. You should be receiving yours any day now. Hope you will enjoy it. Thanks to the Gateway Chapter for this fine book.

Parts for Sale Continued

\$10.00. Steering wheel with horn ring and center medallion \$12.00
Right front fender (1 dent) \$20. Right door with glass \$20.00.
Ranchero chrome nameplates (2) \$10.00 each. Trans. 2 spd. \$75.00
new in boxes (2) tail light lenses \$20 each pair for \$35.00 Jack
Edward, 11171 Old Pond Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95945. All parts
and shipping.

'67 Sports Coupe Parts: Front fenders, doors, hood, trunk lid,
tail lights, grille, headlamp rings, complete red bucket interior,
dash, dash, pad, radio, and more, these parts are worth the time
to pick up, \$250.00. Neal R. Anderson, 4N928 Brown Road, St.
Charles, IL 60174 (312) 377-5662.

1963 Falcon V8 dual exhaust complete with left side
manifold-hangers-mufflers \$200.00. Stainless steel for inside,
top windshield (2) \$15.00 each. Fits '63 convertible front - rear
seats good shape (blue) '63 sedan (2-door) \$50.00. Bill Stiles,
#155, 1554 N. 48th Street, Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

Electric 2-speed wiper motors for 1960, 1961, 1962 Falcons and
Comets, N.O.S. original FoMoCo Complete with hardware and
instructions. Replaces vacuum with no alterations. Even uses
existing wiper control! Get rid of those "vacuum wiper blues",
also great for engine conversions. Very limited supply. \$55.00
plus \$5.00 shipping. Bill Wilton, 9 Davenport Street, Somerville,
N.J. 08876 (210) 725-3637 days. Fender skirts for Falcons, send
SASE for free list. Also have stainless scuff pads for skirts.

Rebuildable 1964 - 260 C.I. engine with STD trans., both \$150.
'62 LF door with glass, rustfree \$25, '62 trunk lid, rustfree,
\$20, gas tank \$25, 62 grille \$15, '64 tailites complete \$10, '61
hubcaps 9 inch \$3 each, 61 Van Headlite doors \$10 pair. All plus
shipping. Paul White, 28 Okaloosa, Sorrento, Falorida 32776
(904) 383-7279.

CARS FOR SALE

1970 1/2 Cobra Jet Falcon, rare one of 100 made, green with black
vinyl roof, no rust, 351 C with auto, shaker hood scoop original,
tach, air cond., bench seat, dual exhaust, radials, No. 3 cond.,
would like to sell to Falcon Club Member, very nice car
\$2,095.00. Neal R. Anderson, 4N928 Brown Road, St. Charles, IL
60174 (312) 377-5662.

Two-door sports coupe, black on red (factory colors), 289-2V,
4-speed, power steering, power brakes (disc), a/c limited slip
rear end, all factory equipment. Please make an offer if
interested. John Nunley 1(409) 569-7893.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

MARCH 23, 1985

The Founder's Chapter, will have a meet at the Western Sizzlin Steak House in Jackson-
ville, Arkansas. Meet in rear of parking lot around 5:45 PM. Eat at 6:00 PM in small meeting
room, then business meeting. Be there to help plan this year's events. For more
information call: Pat Sword, 982-1029 or Linda Acrey 676-3384.

APRIL 14, 1985

Mason-Dixon Chapter, will hold its first meet of 1985 in Seaford, Delaware. Starting time is
1:00 PM. Contact Bob Gerke, Rt. 1, Box 233, Bridgeville, DE 19933.

APRIL 21, 1985

The Northwest Falcons Chapter, next meeting will be at 1:00 PM in the home of Ed
Murphy. For more information contact: Ed Murphy, 100-137th Southeast, Evert, WA 98204.
Phone 745-1937

APRIL 28, 1985

The Southeast Falcon Chapter, meets at Georgia Stony Mountain Park, behind Antique
Auto Museum, starts at 1:00 PM and lasts until !!! Contact: Gary Goddard, 7164 Hwy. 212
N., Covington, Georgia 30209. Phone 1-404-483-8756.

APRIL 28, 1985

The Founder's Chapter, the members of the Founder's Chapter have again been invited to
the W & W Ford show in Searcy, Arkansas. We would like to have more Falcons there this
year than ever before. Plan now to attend and have a day of fun. We will leave the ALCO
parking lot at 7:30 AM in Jacksonville to tour to Searcy, and be stopping in Beebe,
Arkansas for breakfast. Be sure to plan this meet. Contact: Roy Sword for more
information. (Rain Date the Saturday).

MAY 4, 1985

The Northeast Chapter, Springmeet at Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck, New
York, (Rt. 9), 30 minutes north of Poughkeepsie — easy access. Car Show available, SASE
a must for more information. Tom Massarelli, 10 Young Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.
Phone (914) 471-7769.

JUNE 9, 1985

The Rocky Mountain Chapter, 2nd Annual Heritage Square Falcon Show. This is the
chapter's state meet, possibly could be a Regional meet if requested by some members.
For more information contact: Carl MacDonald, 1765 Carmel Drive, Colorado Springs,
Colorado 80910.

JUNE 9, 1985

Carnival Of Cars, Detroit, Michigan. If any of the FCA members would be interested in
showing their Falcon in this show contact: Ken Kowalk, 6138 Long Hwy., Eaton Rapids, MI
48827. Phone 1-517-663-4263 no later than April 15, 1985.

AUGUST 9 - 10, 1985. 6TH ANNUAL NATIONAL MEET, KANSAS CITY, KS

Start making your plans now for this meet and make it in with your vacation this year. They
just seem to get bigger and better each year. Watch for more details in upcoming Falcon
News.

IF YOUR CHAPTER HAS A MEET PLANNED, LET THE FALCON NEWS KNOW ABOUT IT!!
We want to support your chapter meets.

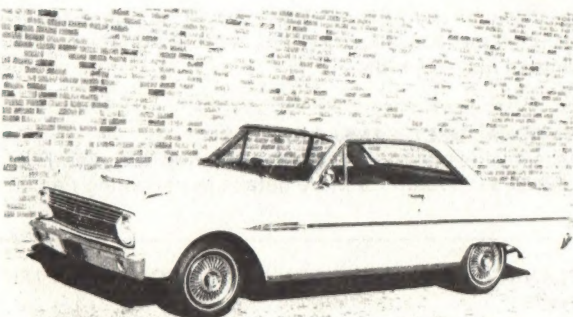
SLEEPER OF THE SIXTIES

By J. Neal East

Built for just half a year, the 1963½ Falcon Sprint V8 coupes and converts are worth considering before they all quietly disappear.



Photo courtesy Lorin Sorensen



IT SEEMED LIKE a lot of trouble to go to in order to announce some mid-year models, yet there was the plane-load of journalists and Benson Ford, winging their way toward Monte Carlo. It was a time when the performance image wasn't a no-no, and Ford had entered three of their new V8-powered Falcon Sprint coupes in the punishing Monte Carlo Rallye, hoping to place well and kick off the new 1963½ Ford models equally well. It was January, 1963, and the weather was terrible for some legs of the Rallye, causing one of the Falcons to be disqualified due to overtime spent in a snowbound traffic jam. However, the other two Sprints finished first and second in their class and logged the fastest time ever up to that time on the high speed test portion of the Rallye. In addition, it was the first time ever that an American team had been entered in the Monte Carlo Rallye. The Ford publicists made it sound like the Falcons had won the whole thing (which they

definitely had not), and not much was said about the professional foreign rally drivers and the tungsten-studded tires and the Cobra-ized engines which were all used for the Rallye. Nevertheless, the results of the Monte Carlo Rallye were backed up by three more Sprints which finished second, third and ninth overall in the 4000-mile Trans-Canada Rally from Vancouver to Montreal. The Ford team was the only team to finish with all cars entered in the top ten.

But let's go back a bit. When the Falcon was introduced in 1960, it was definitely an "economy" job, but it sold like hotcakes. As is always the case with something like this, Detroit decides to try to make a very basic

Parts for Sale Continued

Rechrome bumpers \$150, plus \$7.50 shipping and insurance. Ready-fit car covers \$89.95 post paid. Headliners \$60.00. Carpet Sets 80/20 original loop \$135.00 (black) colors add \$10.00. Radiator support to hood seal \$12.50. Battery box with hold down \$21.00. '64 2-door hardtop red door panels with arm rests \$100.00. Excellent condition. More N.O.S. and good used parts. Tom Massarelli, 10 Young Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601 (914) 471-7769.

Good used '64 Grille \$25.00, '62 Radio \$20.00, '64/65 Radio \$20.00. N.O.S. '66 Radio \$55. Parting out '65 4-door wagon SASE with your needs to Tom Massarelli, 10 Young Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601 (914) 471-7769.

Extra parts for '64 - '65 Falcon convertible or two door hardtop sedans. Tail lamp accessories, grille, front bumper, hood, front fenders (2 left) (1 right), left doors complete, right doors complete, convertible top motor and pump with hoses, heater complete, windows, complete wire harness and instrument panel, complete steering column and box complete automatic trans., 6 cyl., rear end assy., front end assy. Douglas A. Soper, 4 Wilbert Avenue, Groveland, MA 01834 (617) 373-1059.

Fordomatic 2-speed rebuilding kits with gaskets, o'rings, lip seals, clutches (bronze frictions, steels) front and rear seals, sealing rings \$52.00. Specify engine size and year. Bands \$30 each, adjustable modulator \$8.00. Bushings, washers, pumps and miscellaneous hard parts available. Kits, bands, and parts available for small, medium case, C-4 and C-6. David Edwards, Box 245-FC, Needham Hights, MA 02194 (617) 449-2065 evenings.

Falcon N.O.S. Parts: '60-'61 lower control arm w/ball joint \$35.00; '60-64 bolt front hub w/drum \$85.00; '60 center link \$10.00; '65 LH remote mirror C5DZ-17696A \$50.00; '60-62 rear shackle kit \$10.00. '64-'65 power steering pump C5DZ-3A674 BRM fits, 6 cyl., \$75.00; '60 Falcon Front Rechrome Bumper \$100.00. Add 10% shipping. Ronald Miller #128, 600 Q. St., Omaha, NE 68117 (402) 734-7557.

Falcon Repro Parts & Books: '65 grille emblem \$21.95; '65 gas cap emblem \$21.95; '64-65 outside R/V mirror \$34.95; '63 - '64 gas cap \$29.95; '65 gas cap \$39.95; Full color fender cover \$16.95, OEM quality carpet \$110.00 set; headliners \$49.95; trunk mat material \$7.50 per yard. Add 10% shipping. '60-'63 shop manuals \$24.95; Falcon by Ray Miller \$29.95; Ford Falcon '60 - '65 specification and pricing booklets \$5.95 per year; '61 Falcon shop manual (used) \$17.50. All book prices include same day shipping. Ronald Miller #128, 600 Q. St., Omaha, NE 68117 (402) 734-7557.

'60 Ranchero parts left over after selling mine. (all used) Tailgate (used) \$50. Fair to good steerhead chrome for same,

PARTS WANTED

Gas cap for '65 Falcon N.O.S. Front and rear bumpers for '65 N.O.S. Outside rearview mirror for a '61 Sedan". Larry Scales #1219

Left hand door catch for 1963 Falcon convertible. Howard Stearns #714, Four Faith Street Burlington, VT 05401

New upholstery board for door panels. Please call Ralph Peckins, (404) 754-9172 or write P.O. Box 713 Clarkesville, GA 30523

For my '63 Futura Conv.: R. Sunvisor with chrome mounting bracket, R&L door panels and arm rests, R&L interior quarter panels, gas cap, interior kick panels, note all interior items would be nice in red but any color would be okay. Call Rob Fayette, 1372 W. Axton Road, Ferndale, WA 98248 (206) 384-0297 [about 10 miles from Canadian border on Interstate 5]

'60 - '61 - '62 Falcon 2-door will buy right or trade '68 Thunderbird (scarce) 4 door "Landau" in nice condition or '71 Cad Coupe Deville that needs paint and interior. Both run well. Jack Edward, 11171 Old Pond Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95945 or phone (not collect) 916/268-0202 or will trade both cars for one nice Falcon. What have you?— Jack Edward, 916/268-0202.

CARS WANTED

Looking for a '62 or '63 sedan delivery for restoration. Must be rust free or very near rust free. Drive train is not important but interior and body parts and trim must be all there and original. Will consider a '64 or '65 model also but prefer '62 or '63. I have a 1963 1/2 Sprint Conv. partly restored that could be considered as trade bait, but that would be dependent upon quality of sedan delivery. Milt Robar, Pres., FCA NE Chapter, 1-413-283-3132 or write to above at Rt. 67, Warren Road, Palmer, MA 01069.

PARTS FOR SALE

1960 Falcon windshield, \$25. 1960 doors, front, driver and passenger side \$20 each, parts in good shape. Greg Culick #1485, 14 Highland Road, Amsterdam, New York 12010 or call (518) 842-6052.

Three Falcon armrests for a 1965 Falcon Futura 2 door hardtop. The color is dark blue and goes with the tu-tone blue interior Ford offered that year. One armrest is for the passenger door, and the other two are for the rear, the chrome ashtrays are included. They are in excellent condition and are a bargain at \$10.00 each. John Sloan, 28257 New Castle Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48018 (313) 553-4187.

car spiffy enough to appeal to the buyer who wants more than bare-bones transportation. By 1962, a Sport Sedan with T-Bird-styled top line had appeared and all kinds of options were available. For 1963, two really sharp new models were introduced, the convertible and the hard-top coupe. Each of these was to be available in three slightly different versions, with the Sprint being the top of the line for both. Somewhere along the line, the command decision was made to install the 260 cubic inch V8 engine which had been proven in the Fairlane series.

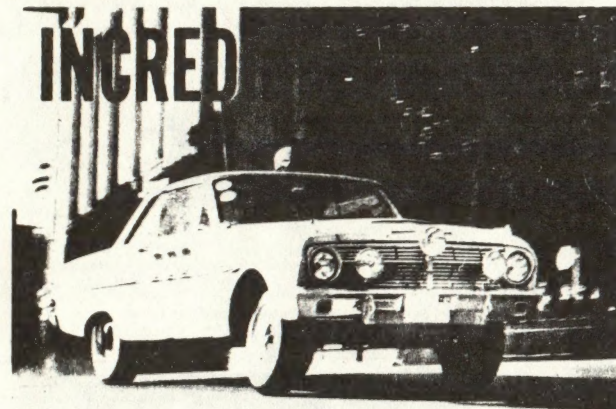
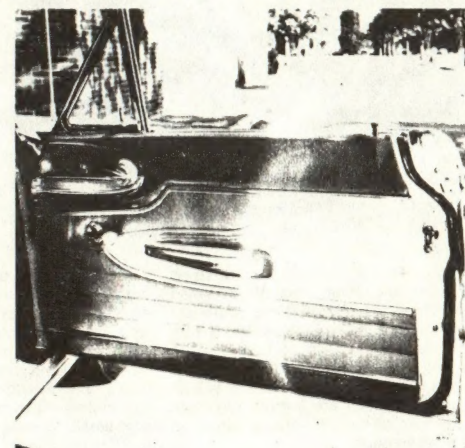
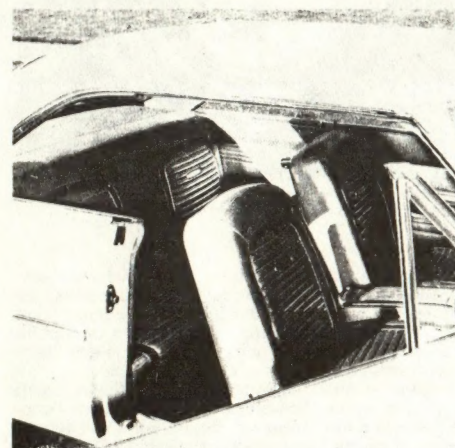


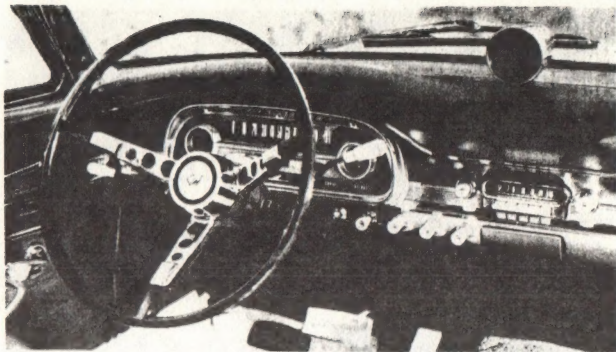
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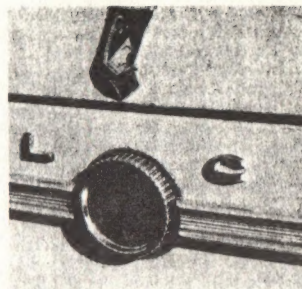
Interiors of Sprints are all vinyl and nicely styled. Carpet is used front and back.

It was the kind of thing the performance-minded enthusiast could hardly believe would ever come out of Detroit. A light, good-looking car, equipped with a strong V8 engine and even the option of a good four-speed manual gearbox to back it up. However, what appeared on the surface to be a simple matter of just sticking the V8 in the Falcon chassis was not the case at all. It was even better than that, and herein lies the story of the making of a good car.

The Ford engineers were wise enough to realize that the standard Falcon just wasn't enough car for the V8. So, they decided to install the Fairlane running gear, modified where necessary, under the Falcon body. But then, they realized that the unit-construction Falcon body probably couldn't handle the Fairlane running gear, either. The result was that they specified much heavier materials for the sub-frames and attaching points of all the running gear, as well as additional bracing. Then they added the Fairlane parts and the V8 engine. The only thing they forgot to



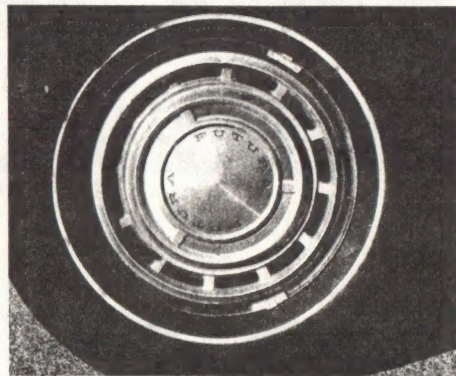
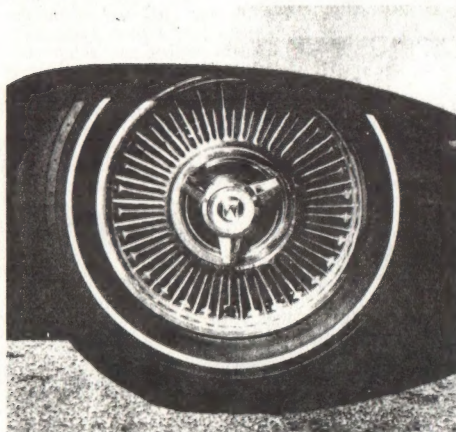
Wood-grained steering wheel with special horn ring and tachometer are Sprint-only items.



Special gas cap for Futura and Sprint models was chromed, is now very hard to find if lost.



Front fender script and special V8 emblem are the easy way to identify Sprint model. Other V8-equipped models have different emblem.



Sprints came with wire wheel covers while Futura used covers with red, white, blue color around center. Wheels are 13-inch.

do was to put on some decent-sized wheels and tires. The V8-powered Falcon is definitely not the same car as the six-cylinder look-alike, a fact that enthusiasts and restorers would be wise to consider even today. The body is stronger, the rear end is bigger, the brakes are bigger, even the diameter of the tie rods is larger in the V8 version.

For the collector, the top-of-the-

line Sprint coupe and convertible are the desirable models. A wood-grained steering wheel with special horn ring, a dash-mounted tachometer, simulated wire wheel covers, special body emblems and rocker moldings and a chrome engine dress-up kit are Sprint-only features. Bucket seats and small console were standard for the Sprint. It was possible, of course, to special-order most of the above

items on the lower-model converts and coupes, but most buyers just stepped up for the whole Sprint package. The regular Futura Convertible and Futura Hardtop came with bench seats and the six-cylinder engine. The middle-of-the-line Futura Sports Convertible and Futura Sports Coupe came with bucket seats and console and six-cylinder engine. The V8 was an option for all four of these models,

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER meet report:



Some of the Falcons at the Rocky Mountain chapter Breakfast/Cruise

Results of the December Breakfast/Cruise shows to have been a big success.

The weather was not as good as predicted, but good enough to have 30 members show up with 20 Falcons.

The restaurant fouled up our breakfast by not providing the menu as agreed to-so, for \$1.00 more we all had an all-you-can

eat brunch, needless to say, we all "rolled" out of the restaurant that day.

The 'CRUISE' was fun. I had the honor of leading it and trying to time traffic lights. The FoMoCo dealers all gave us "Thumbs Up", as we went by the Chrysler dealer gave us the Opposite.

Some RMC events that are coming up are and All Ford Show at a ford dealer in June, The 2nd Annual Heritage Square Falcon Show June 9th, Club display at the May 18-19 Old Car Council swap meet, and maybe a club display in March at "Tri-State" Auto Show.

Meet Reporter: Ray Roberts

1966 Ranchero
Owned by: Paul
Garrigan

This Falcon is very popular at meets with its custom interior, overdrive, and a power Back window out of a Chrysler station wagon.



MEET UPDATE

May 4th, 1985 Northeast Chapter Springmeet at Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck, New York (Rt. 9) 30 minutes north of Poughkeepsie - easy access. Car show available SASE a must for more information. Tom Massarelli, 10 Young Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601 (914) 471-7769

The Mason-Dixon Chapter will be holding its first meeting with the cars in 1985 in Seaford, Delaware on April 14th, hopefully weather permitting. our meeting is to be sponsored by two Maryland Ford dealers, along with five of the local businesses from Seaford, and Falcon Furniture Store from Dover, Delaware. We expect to have about twenty plaques to hand out. There will be no judging. First twenty and drivers will get a plaque. But they must bring a Falcon. That may sound strange, but last year we had Datsun, G.M. products and etc. show up, along with some Falcons.

Along with our Chapter members, any national member that would like to come are most welcome. Once they get into Delaware take Route 13 to Route 20 West. Follow 20 West for about 2 miles and watch for the Shell sign starting time around 1:00 p.m.

The two of us that have been setting this meet up could not believe that none of the Ford dealers in lower Delaware would help sponsor us. Three of them turned us down flat. We will remember them at our annual club dinner in February. This is also when we let the Chapter members know what we have going for them in April. Wish us luck.

Yours truly, Bob Girke #848

Dear Falcon News:

My wife and I belong to the new chapter "North Central Falconeers." We also were down to the National meet in St. Louis. We loved it never seen so many Falcons.

I was wandering if anybody had anything like this happen to them. We have a G4 Falcon Sprint with 43,000 actual miles, anyway before we left for our trip to St. Louis. We found out our fuel pump needed replacing, it was on Saturday and the only pump we could get was a GM so we installed it and it ran good until we got back from St. Louis and the fuel pump went out again. All we could figure out was our Ford rejected the GM (heart) pump. We were wandering if anyone else had such experiences. Would like to hear from you.

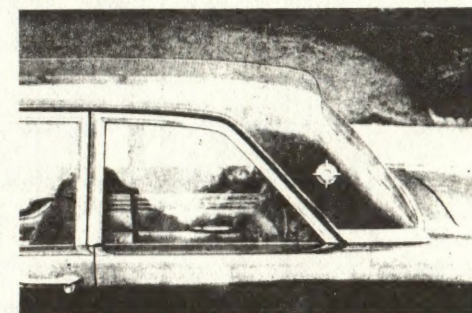
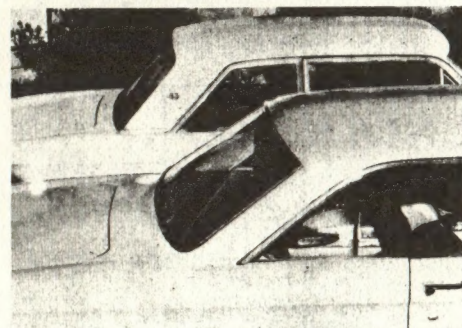
Yours truly,
Louis Jackels, 3900 Emons Road, Appleton, Wisconsin 54915



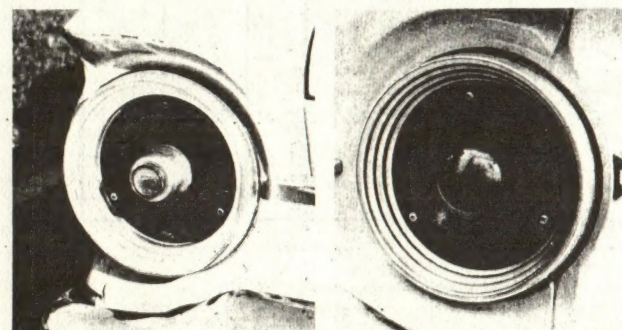
Front end parts are essentially the same as 1962 models except for grille, headlight rims.



Highly stylized bird and Sprint name are used to make up small emblem on rear top pillar.



Futura Sport Sedan was introduced in 1962, carried into 1963, had Thunderbird styling on rear of top. Sprint top is lower overall.



Back-up lights were extra-cost option on all models, were mounted in special taillight lens.

along with a whole list of the usual accessories which included vinyl roof covering for the coupes and air conditioning.

We mentioned an engine dress-up kit in the last paragraph. Can you imagine such a thing on a 1978 model? It consisted of chromed valve covers, air cleaner top, oil filler cap and radiator cap. On power steering-

equipped Sprints, the top of the fluid reservoir was also chromed. In addition to all this, the Sprints had what was called "Power-Toned Muffler and Air Cleaner." This was a stock-type straight-through muffler and paper-filter air cleaner, and they definitely did make a difference in the sound of the car.

So . . . for you Ford enthusiasts

who have been wanting a "driver" kind of car yet something a bit different, you would do well to consider the 1963½ Falcon Sprint V8 in either the coupe or convertible body. You've probably noticed the stampede toward the Mustang lately and may have been tempted. The trouble is that there were so many Mustangs made. There were 101,945 1964½ and 1965 Mustang convertibles made, but only 4,602 1963½ Sprint convertibles. There were Sprints made in 1964 and 1965, but the body design was changed considerably and the cars are not quite as clean and appealing in appearance. There were slightly over 31,000 1963½ Falcon Futura and Futura Sports convertibles made, but there is no indication of how many of these were V8 or 6-cylinder equipped.

At any rate, the 1963½ Falcon Sprint V8 is a nice-sized, tough-built, four-passenger, sporty-flavored car that was produced in limited quantities for only half a year. You could do a lot worse for a fun grocery-getter.

1963 FALCON SPECIFICATIONS GUIDE

PAINT - TRIM - TOP COMBINATIONS

INTERIOR TRIM	2 Door Sedan 4 Door Sedan				FUTURA				STATION WAGONS				Ranchero			
	2 Door Sedan 4 Door Sedan				2 Door Sedan				2 Door Sedan				2 Door Sedan			
	Blue	Red	Gold	Black	Blue	Red	Gold	Black	Blue	Red	Gold	Black	Blue	Red	Gold	Black
Vinyl & Cloth	18	92	95	98	22	24	25	27	28	22	24	25	27	28	22	24
Vinyl	72	75	77	78	72	75	77	78	78	72	75	77	78	78	72	75
Bucket Seat	82	85	87	88	82	85	87	88	88	82	85	87	88	88	82	85
EXTERIOR PAINT	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Raven Black	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Mint Green	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
Viking Blue	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Peacock Blue	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Champagne	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
Ranger Red	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J
Corinthian White	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Yellow	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Sandshell Beige	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
Rose Beige	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Heritage Burgundy	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Glacier Blue	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
TWO-TONE	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM
JM	JM	JM	JM	JM	JM	JM	JM	JM	JM	JM	JM	JM	JM	JM	JM	JM
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NOTE: - Color and trim combinations marked with "•" are recommended for retail and specific stock orders only. Basic orders cannot be scheduled in these combinations.
 - Retail and fleet orders may be scheduled without prior approval in any released paint, trim and top combinations.
 - Futura 2-Door Sedan and 2-Door Hardtop available with black or white vinyl roofs with any approved paint and trim combination.
 - Convenience Option Package includes Horn Ring, Cigarette Lighter, Rear Seat Arm Rests, Rear Ash Tray, Courtesy Light, Body Side Molding and Fender Top Ornaments.

TOPS - COLUMN 21

1 - Black Convertible
 2 - White Convertible
 4 - Blue Convertible
 A - Black Vinyl Roof
 B - White Vinyl Roof

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OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

EQUIPMENT	Specifications	Punch	FUTURA				STATION WAGON				Ranchero			
			2 Door Sedan	4 Door Sedan	Conv.	2 Door Sedan	4 Door Sedan	2 Door Sedan	4 Door Sedan	2 Door Sedan	4 Door Sedan	2 Door Sedan	4 Door Sedan	2 Door Sedan
5-4	Body Type		01	02	15	16	17	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Engineering Body Code		62A	54A	76A-B	62B-C	54B	68B-C	58A	71A	59B	71B	71C-D	66A-B
5	6 Cyl. 144"	8												
	6 Cyl. 170"	U	x	x		x								
	8 Cyl. 260"	F	x	x		x								
44	Standard	1	x	x		x								
	Automatic	3	x	x		x								
	Four Speed	5	x	x		x								
46	6.00 x 13	A	x	x		x								
	6.50 x 13	B	x	x		x								
	6.50 x 13-6	C	x	x		x								
	7.00 x 13	J												
	White Sidewall Rayon	1	x	x		x								
51	Hockey Panel Mouldings *	1	x	x		x								
	Luggage Rack	2				x								
	Both	3				x								
	(Std. W/Sprint Specialty)													
52	Power Rear Window	3												
53	Sprint Specialty	3												
	(260" Eng. & Bucket Seats Mand.)													
56	Power Steering	1												
	Mandatory with 260" Engine & Air Condition Unit													
57	Delete Heater	1	x	x		x								
	Heater	2	NP	NP		NP								
	Ford Air Conditioner	7	x	x		x								
	Conditioner & Heater	8	x	x		x								
58	Radio	1	x	x		x								
59	Tint Glass All Around	1	x	x		x								
	Tint Glass Windshield Only	2	x	x		x								
60	2 Speed Electric Wiper & Washer	3	x	x		x								
61	Padded Dash	1	x	x		x								
	Padded Dash & Visor	3	x	x		x								
	Seat Belts	4	x	x		x								
	Padded Dash, Visor & Seat Belts	5	x	x		x								
	Padded Dash & Seat Belts	7	x	x		x								
63	Optional Battery	1	x	x		x								
64	Backup Lights	1	x	x		x								
65	Wheel Covers	1	x	x		x								
	Wheel Covers Simulated Wire	2	x	x		x								
	(Std. W/Sprint Specialty)													

KEY
 x Available with series indicated
 Std. Standard with series indicated
 Not available
 NP No punch

POWER TRAIN

	ENGINES (Column 5)	TRANSMISSION (Column 44)	NORMAL LIVERY		
			Std. (1)	Opt. #1 (2)	Opt. #2 (3)
SEDANS	8 144" 6 Cylinder	Std. (1) 4 Speed (5)	3.50	3.80	
		Automatic (5)	3.50	3.75	
HARDTOPS	U 170" 8 Cylinder	Std. (1) Fordomatic (5)	3.80	3.50	
		4 Speed (5)	3.50	3.25	
CONVERTIBLE	F 260" 8 Cylinder	Std. (1) 4 Speed (5) Fordo (3)	3.25		
	U 170" 8 Cylinder	Std. (1) 4 Speed (5) Fordo (3)	3.50	3.25	
	F 260" 8 Cylinder	Std. (1) 4 Speed (5) Fordo (3)	3.25		
	U 144" 4 Cylinder	Std. (1) 4 Speed (5) Fordo (3)	3.50	4.00	
STATION WAGONS	U 170" 8 Cylinder	Std. (1) 4 Speed (5) Fordo (3)	3.50		
	F 260" 8 Cylinder	Std. (1) 4 Speed (5) Fordo (3)	3.25		

TIRE APPLICATION

		TIRE APPLICATION			
		600 x 13 4 PR	650 x 13 4 PR	650 x 13 6 PR	700 x 13 4 PR
Sedans	W/S Cylinder Engines	Std.	Opt.	Opt.	NA
	W/S Cylinder Engine	NA	Std.	Opt.	NA
Hardtops	W/S Cylinder Engines	NA	Std.	Opt.	NA
	W/S Cylinder Engine	NA	Std.	Opt.	NA
Convertibles, Wagons, Ranchero, Sedan Delivery	W/S Cylinder Engines	NA	Std.	Opt.	NA
	W/S Cylinder Engine	NA	NA	NA	Std.

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